

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Health Care Financing Administration – Region IV

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Mr. Paul R. Perruzzi, Director Division of Medical Assistance Department of Health and Human Services Post Office Box 29529 1985 Umstead Drive Raleigh, North Carolina 27626-0529

Dear Mr. Perruzzi:

This letter is regarding North Carolina's Home and Community Based Waiver for Individuals with Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (#0151.90.R1). The waiver expires November 30, 2000.

In order to provide adequate time for HCFA to review the waiver renewal application and your staff to respond to the request for additional information, we are granting a 90-day extension through February 28, 2001. This temporary extension allows continued services at the cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program with Federal financial participation.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (404) 562-7506.

Sincerely,

Marsha B. Montague Health Insurance Specialist Medicaid Operations Branch